

St. John the Baptist Orthodox Church



100th Anniversary

THE FORERUNNER

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SUNDAY SERVICES STREAMED LIVE ON FB <https://www.facebook.com/stjohneastpitt>

20 Sunday	21 Monday	22 Tuesday	23 Wednesday	24 Thursday	25 Friday	26 Saturday
9:00 Divine Liturgy Group 1			7pm ONLINE CCE Class			5pm ONLINE VESPERS
FAST DAY	FAST DAY	FAST DAY	FAST DAY	FAST DAY	FAST DAY	FAST DAY

WE SAY- to all who are with us today at St. John's for the first time, ***you are welcome here!*** We pray that you will consider making St. John's your spiritual home. Please join us after Liturgy downstairs for fellowship.

OUR GIFTS TO THE LORD- Sometimes we miss a Sunday and the opportunity to offer our financial gift to the Lord. If we do, ***please catch up*** with your gifts. Whether we are here or not, our parish bills continue. Thanks, and God bless!

Sunday, December 13, 2020 - Attendance 31 - Weekly Offering, \$1380 - Building Fund, \$565 - Vigil Candles, \$253 - Food Sale, \$2143 - Christmas Flowers & Candles, \$165 - Needy Fund, \$81- St Nicholas Day Dinner, \$85 - Total \$4672

MANY THANKS-to everyone keeping up with their weekly support of St. John's God bless you. If you have any weekly offering envelopes left in your box of envelopes, please catch up with your weekly and feast day offerings before the end of the year.

TODAY-we welcome Fr Marc Wisnosky and thank him for serving today as Fr. Joseph and Pani Kathy remain in quarantine until December 25.

AS YOU KNOW-Allegheny County has issued a voluntary STAY AT HOME order. People are asked to not gather in groups, wear masks and limit their travel only to essential trips. With the large spike in cases and the inevitable family gatherings during the holidays in the county and in conjunction with the parish council, I am making the following adjustments to our worship schedule until the end of December.

1. Great Vespers on Saturdays until January via FB.
2. CCE classes will be ONLINE.
4. We will suspend Fellowship Hour until January.
5. We will suspend Church School until January. Lessons will be sent to families with children.
6. Worship Groups 1 and 2 are still in effect during this period. As in the past, we are grateful to God

O Master Who loves mankind, illuminate our hearts with the pure light of Your divine knowledge and open the eyes of our mind to understand the teachings of Your Gospel. Instill in us also the fear of Your blessed commandments, that we may overcome all carnal desires, entering upon a spiritual life and understanding and acting in all things according to Your holy will. For You are the enlightenment of our souls and bodies, O Christ God, and to You we give glory together with Your eternal Father and Your all-holy, gracious and life-giving Spirit, now and ever and forever. Amen.

DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS - <http://holytrinityorthodox.com/calendar/index.htm>

Monday	Heb 3:5-11,17-19	Luke 20:27-44	New-martyr John (Kochurov) of Chicago
Tuesday	Gal 4:22-31	Luke 8:16-21	Conception of St Anna
Wednesday	Heb 4:1-6:8	Luke 21:5-7,10-11,20-24	Blessed John, King of Serbia
Thursday	Heb 7:1-6	Luke 21:28-33	Ven. Daniel the Stylite
Friday	Heb 7:18-25	Luke 21:37-22:8	St Spyridon the Wonderworker
Saturday	Eph 2:11-13	Luke 13:18-29	Ven. Herman of Alaska
Sunday	Col 3:4-11	Luke 14:16-24	Martyrs Fingar & Phia of Cornwall

WEDNESDAY CCE CLASS-will be ONLINE. If you would like to participate please give Fr. Joseph your email address and he will send you an invite.

NEXT SUNDAY- is congregational singing.

REMINDER- all services for Christmas and Theophany will be open to both worship groups.

WE STILL HAVE COOKIES FOR SALE. \$5 a plate.

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS –Michael Kapeluck, our Iconographer, Thomas Planiczki, Josephine Sofelkanik, Michael Sterchak, John Edward Stagon, Kathryn Rogulin, Cathy Perevuznik, Wally Perkins, Gina Marie Gaspar, Dannette Wargo, Aubrey Welch, Marti and Cathilynn Baran, Annie Weiland, Fr Daniel Prez (Joe Monde’s brother), Fr. George Livanos, Fr. Patrick Carpenter, Fr Michael Hatrak, Michael O’Brien, Ann Weiland, all healthcare and frontline workers and for all sick with COVID-19 virus. Please keep Father Joseph informed on changes to anyone’s health status so he can minister to them.

December Birthdays

Kaye Sabo 12/21 Linda Novak 12/21 Andrew Kocan Jr. 12/22 Josephine Sofelkanik 12/23 Cathy Skidmore 12/26

December Memorials

Newly Departed, August Futryk

Perpetual: Anna Gaydos, John Tovtin, Michael Toth, John Hopta, Mary and Peter Rozkov, Ann Planiczki, Stephen Bergel, Beatrice Stagon, John Stagon Sr. Maksym and Theresa Periak, Michael Barovian, Michael Chernega,

Protodeacon Gregory Hatrak, Barbara Hreha, Mary Zeba, Victoria Gezzer, Julia Harrison, Frank Kurtz, Anna Bench, John Evashavik, Alex Kosarich, Steve Bunga, Mary Tucker, Mary Mutmasky, James Toth, John Ivanco, George Drago, Marie Johnson, Michael Povanda, Stanley Lunio, Michael Kranik, Catherine Jacobs, Helen Youshack, Mildred Ruzanic, Mary Kolesar, John Sapida, John Miholovich, Olga Yonkavich, Mary Suvak, Georgetta Salapac, John P Dugan, Andrew Popovich, John Zura, Rosemary Durmis, Dean Lester Hough

MANY THANKS- to our church school students for spearheading our charitable outreach to collect warm winter clothing for the homeless and needy and to all of you who donated. Today our donations will be packed up and delivered this week to the Light of Life Mission. God bless.

THE 2021 WALL CALENDARS-have arrived. Pick up your copy in the church hall today.

For this reason He (God the Father) sent the Word, that He might be manifested to the world; and He, being despised by the people, was, when preached by the Apostles, believed on by the Gentiles. This is He who was from the beginning, who appeared as if new, and was found old, and yet who is ever born afresh in the hearts of the saints. This is He who, being from everlasting, is today called the Son; through whom the Church is enriched, and grace, widely spread, increases in the saints, furnishing understanding, revealing mysteries, announcing times, rejoicing over the faithful, giving to those that seek, by whom the limits of faith are not broken through, nor the boundaries set by the fathers passed over.

Polycarp ad. 65–100–155- The Epistle of Mathetes to Diognetus Chapter XI.

Now, when God the Word became incarnate, He did not assume His human nature as taken in a purely theoretical sense – for that would have been no real incarnation, but a fraudulent and fictitious one...For He assumed the first-fruits of our clay not as self-subsistent and having been an individual previously and as such taken on by Him, but as having its subsistence in His Person. Thus, this Person of the Word of God became Person to the flesh, and in this way ‘the Word was made flesh, and that without any change, and the flesh without transformation was made Word, and God was made man. John of Damascus (675-749)

**Candle Intentions-
Health**

Bires, Alice - Scott & Sharon
Bires, Alice - Benjamin
Bires, Alice - Happy Birthday Bob Carlisle
Bires, Alice - Fr Will, Pani Iilena & Children
Bires, Alice -Helen, David, Joseph
Bires, Alice -Wally
Bires, Alice - George
Bires, Alice - Annie Weiland
Bires, Alice - Michael O'Brien
Bires, Alice - John E Stagon
Blake, Gloria & Kathryn Rogulin-Family & Special Intention
Grysiak, Janet & Gary - Luke & Alexis
Grysiak, Gary - Janet
Grysiak, Janet & Gary - Benjamin
Grysiak, Janet & Gary - Basil & Irene
Grysiak, Janet & Gary - Deborah
Grysiak, Janet & Gary - Burkett Family -
Grysiak, Janet & Gary - Josie
Sofelkanik
Grysiak, Janet & Gary - Bob & Miryam Knutson
Grysiak, Janet & Gary - Wally Perkins
Grysiak, Janet & Gary - John E. Stagon
Grysiak, Janet & Gary - Anthony
Macchiaroli
Grysiak, Janet & Gary - Virus Victims
Harms, Dennis & Adrienne-Benjamin & Family
Harms, Dennis & Adrienne-George Sabeh
Harms, Dennis & Adrienne-Children & Grandchildren
Harms, Dennis & Adrienne-Those on the St John Prayer List
Kiss, Marge-Family
Kiss, Marge - Jim, Lesa, Donna, Dorothy
Perevuznik, Bob, Jr - Mom
Perevuznik, Bob, Jr-Emily, Rebecca, Tanner, Tyler
Perevuznik, Bob, Jr - Kelly, Lauren, Michael
Perevuznik, Bob, Jr - Perevuznik, Skidmore, Durmis & Poach Families
Perevuznik, Bob, Jr - John E Stagon
Perevuznik, Bob, Jr - God's Blessings for a safe holiday season for all parishioners
Perevuznik, Bob, Jr - All front-line workers
Perevuznik, Bob, Jr -Anne Weiland
Perevuznik, Bob, Jr - Michael O'Brien
Perevuznik, Bob, Jr- Lauren & Baby Maverick
Sabeh, Nancy - Family
Sabeh, Nancy - George
Sabeh, Nancy - Happy Birthday Justin
Skidmore, Cathy - Tina & Don McDonnell
Skidmore, Cathy-Gloria & Wayne Poach

Skidmore, Cathy-Cathy Perevuznik
Skidmore, Cathy- Gloria Ulakovic
Skidmore, Cathy - Joan Ambrose
Skidmore, Cathy - John E Stagon
Skidmore, Cathy - Family
Stagon, George & Barbara - Fr. Matthew, Pani Eleni, Seraphim, Luka, Harikila, Xenia
Stagon, George & Barbara - Jeffery, Nicole, Jillina Payton
Stagon, George & Barbara - Connie and Tyler
Stagon Jr., John -John & Jessica
Stagon, Jr. John-David II, Christal, Weston
Stagon, Jr. John David, Linda, Johnny Yeagers- Ashley-Family
Zwierzelewski, Kelly-Charolette Ann
Zwierzelewski, Kelly - Jeff

Special Intentions

Alice Bires

Beth Kudravy

Memory

Bires, Alice - Parents

Bires, Alice- Brother-in-law

Bires, Alice- Helen

Bires, Alice-Margie

Deklever, Darlene-Mom, Dad, Nicholas, Ann Kocan

Grysiak, Janet & Gary - Mother, Helen

Grysiak, Janet & Gary - Father, Charles

Grysiak, Janet & Gary - Mother, Irene Barney

Grysiak, Janet & Gary - Father, Edward Barney

Grysiak, Janet & Gary - Metropolitan Nicholas

Grysiak, Janet & Gary - Virus Victims

Harms, Dennis & Adrienne-Mother & Father Pauline & Joseph Bozsik

Harms, Dennis & Adrienne-Elmer & Rose

Harms

Harms, Dennis & Adrienne-Godparents

Peter Varhula & Helen Yednak

Kocan, Nicki-Mom, Dad, Nicholas, Ann Kocan

Kudravy, Beth- Mom-Beatrice Stagon

Kudravy, Beth - Grandfather John Stagon

Perevuznik, Bob, Jr - Dad

Perevuznik, Bob, Jr - Aunt Rosie

Perevuznik, Cathy- Bob

Blake, Gloria & Kathryn Rogulin-Mother Mary, Father Nikolai

Skidmore, Cathy- Bob Perevuznik, Sr.

Stagon, George & Barb- Parents, George, Beatrice, Nicholas

St. Nicholas, also called Nicholas of Bari or Nicholas of Myra, (4th century, Myra, Lycia, Asia Minor [near modern

Demre, Turkey]; Western feast day December 6; Eastern feast day December 19), one of the most popular minor saints commemorated in the Eastern and Western churches and now traditionally associated with the festival of Christmas. In many countries children receive gifts on December 6, St. Nicholas Day. He is one of the patron saints of children and of sailors.